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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed August 19, 2003. The undersigned notes that a partially-initialed copy of the same was received with the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006. The Examiner has lined-through, without further comment, the cited reference of Schonning et al and has neither lined-through nor initialed the cited WO 97/26009. The Examiner has however listed Schonning et al on the PTO-892 Form received with the Office Action of May 22, 2006, such that it is potentially unclear on the record as to why the reference was lined-through on the PTO-1449 Form. The undersigned presumes the Examiner has lined-through the reference so that the same reference will not be listed more than once on the face of any patent issuing from the present application however clarification or confirmation of the same is requested. The Examiner is also requested to return an initialed copy of the previously-filed PTO-1449 Form to confirm that the WO 97/26009 has been considered.

The present request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of May 22, 2006, which is being considered by the applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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